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1. SUMMARY: DISCUSSIONS AT THE MARCH 25-26 EUROPEAN COUNCIL  
ARE EXPECTED TO CENTER UPON EC REPRESENTATION AT THE LONDON  
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SUMMIT AND THE POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL  
ITSELF. OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA APPROVED BY THE MARCH 8  
FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL INCLUDE: (A) THE WORLD ECONOMIC  
AND MONETARY SITUATION; (B) RELATIONS WITH THE US; (C) RE-  
LATIONS WITH JAPAN; (D) RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE; (E)  
CIEC; (D) THE EC STEEL INDUSTRY; AND (F) STRUCTURAL UNEM-  
PLOYMENT. THE MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY A CEREMONY

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGN-  
ING OF THE TREATIES OF ROME AND BY A LUNCH HOSTED BY  
PRESIDENT LEONE.

## 2. LONDON SUMMIT

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THE LEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE FACED WITH RESOLVING  
THE THORNY ISSUE OF EC REPRESENTATION AT THE MAY 7-8  
WESTERN SUMMIT AND WHETHER COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY  
JENKINS SHOULD BE INVITED TO TAKE PART.

## 3. FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

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FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD'S JANUARY 21 PROPOSALS FOR  
IMPROVING EUROPEAN COUNCIL PERFORMANCE (REFTEL A) WILL  
SERVE AS THE FOCUS FOR DEBATE ON SUMMIT REFORM. THE  
BELGIANS ARE RECOMMENDING THAT A NEW DOCUMENT BE  
ISSUED BY THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EMBODYING ANY PRO-  
CEDURAL CHANGES AGREED TO DURING THE DEBATE, BUT SOME  
MEMBER STATES ARE OPPOSED TO HAVING SUCH A DOCUMENT  
PREPARED OR PUBLICIZED.

## 4. WORLD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY SITUATION

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THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL HOLD THEIR CUSTOMARY RE-  
VIEW OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY SITUATION  
THE COMMISSION IS TO SUBMIT A PAPER ON THIS TOPIC.  
SPECIFIC ISSUES MAY INCLUDE THE ROLE OF SURPLUS  
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STATES IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND PREPARATIONS FOR A  
NEW TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE.

## 5. RELATIONS WITH THE US

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UK PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN IS TO REPORT ON HIS VISIT  
TO WASHINGTON.

## 6. RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

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THE COMMISSION IS TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS  
IN EC/JAPANESE TRADE RELATIONS SINCE THE NOVEMBER 29-  
30 EUROPEAN COUNCIL (REFTEL B). COMMISSION AND PERM  
REP SOURCES EXPECT THE DISCUSSION TO BE LOW-KEY AND TO  
RESULT IN A BRIEF PUBLIC DECLARATION LISTING AREAS OF  
PROGRESS AND INDICATING OTHERS WHERE FURTHER DISCUS-  
SIONS WILL BE NECESSARY.

## 7. RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE

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FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR POLAND , AND EAST  
GERMANY WILL BE DISCUSSED (REFTEL K), ALONG WITH  
PREPARATIONS FOR THE BELGRADE CSCE MEETING.

8. CIEC

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THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE TO REVIEW CIEC PREPARATIONS  
(REFTELS C, D AND E). THEY MAY ALSO DISCUSS THE FRG'S  
PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM TO STABILIZE LDC  
EXPORT EARNINGS (REFTEL F), WHICH WAS OUTLINED FOR THEM  
IN A RECENT CIRCULAR LETTER FROM CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

9. EC STEEL INDUSTRY

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EC COMMISSIONER DAVIGNON IS TO PRESENT HIS PLANS FOR  
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RESTRUCTURING THE EC STEEL INDUSTRY AND WILL ASK THE  
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER ISSUING A EUROPEAN  
COUNCIL DECLARATION ON STEEL (REFTELS G, H, I AND J).

10 STRUCTURAL UNEMPLOYMENT

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THE UK PRESIDENCY IS TO SUBMIT A PAPER ON THE INCREASE  
IN EC UNEMPLOYMENT. HINTON

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